

Anticipated SEVIS Release 4.12 System Changes

As of July 26, 2004

Planned Batch Beta Test Release Date: July 28, 2004

Planned Production Release Date: August 6, 2004

NOTE: The installation of all anticipated system changes identified in this document is dependent on successful completion of testing.

The following highlights the planned changes for this release:

System Enhancements

All Users

Serbia and Montenegro

- Serbia (SR) and Montenegro (MW) will be added to the listing of country codes available for the SEVIS Batch Interface.

I-901 Receipt Number

- The "I-901 Fee Payment Information" fields now available on the Student and Exchange Visitor detail screen will be updated to include the "Receipt Number."

Note: This change was incorrectly included in the 4.11 Release Notice.

Exchange Visitor Program Sponsors

Transfer: Validation Now Required within 30 Days of Effective Date of Transfer

- Effective with this release, sponsors will now be required to validate the participation of an exchange visitor at the transfer-to (receiving) program no later than 30 days after the 'effective date of transfer.' **NOTE: Failure to validate the record will result in the SEVIS nightly maintenance jobs changing the status of the exchange visitor's record to "No Show."**

Cancel EV Transfer

- Prior to the effective date of transfer, RO/AROs at the transfer-out (releasing) program will be able to cancel the transfer request.
- Canceling an exchange visitor's transfer request will result in an email being sent only to the RO of the transfer-to (receiving) program, notifying him/her that the request was canceled.

F-1 / M-1 Approved Schools

Adjudication of Campus Deletions

- The deletion of a campus from an I-17 will be changed to an adjudicated event.
- Schools will not be able to submit a campus deletion if there are Active records or records with associated pending reinstatement requests
- If a campus deletion is attempted for a campus which still has Active students, a message will be displayed to the user stating that Active students must be transferred or Terminated/Completed before the deletion can be requested.

Note: Schools will be able to submit a campus for deletion if there are associated Draft, Initial, Draft-transfer, Initial-transfer, Canceled, Terminated, or Completed records. After adjudication, schools will not be able to access any student records at the deleted campus. For example, Terminated or Completed student records at the deleted campus will be unavailable for reinstatement or transfer.

Initial And Updated Form I-17 Applications

- Form I-17 adjudication functionality has moved from the District Office to DHS Headquarters. All initial I-17 petitions and updated applications will be reviewed and adjudicated by the School Certification Processing Branch of the SEVP office.

System Corrections

All Users

Student and Exchange Visitor Alerts and Lists

- All Student and Exchange Visitor Alerts and Lists have been updated to include paging to display 500 records per page. This will permit school and program officials to view all records that are relevant to the selected Alert or List.

Exchange Visitor Program Sponsors

Batch Users Only: Purpose of Form

- SEVIS was experiencing some minor technical difficulties with the incorrect purpose of the form occasionally printing on the Form DS-2019 depending upon when dependent records were added to the exchange visitor's record and submitted to SEVIS via batch. This issue will be corrected with this release.

Dependents Remaining in Transferred Status

- SEVIS will correctly update the status of dependent records when the exchange visitor is validated at the transfer-to (receiving) program.

F-1 / M-1 Approved Schools

Student Employment Requests

- School officials will be able to submit an OPT request on the last day of a student's program.
- School officials will be able to enter OPT requests with dates that do not overlap other pending or approved OPT segments.
- CPT authorizations on page 3 of the printed Form I-20 have been corrected. Each CPT authorization will now print only once.
- SEVIS will correctly display multiple OPT requests uploaded via the SEVIS Batch Interface.

Online Help

- Links to the DHS regulations will be updated in the Online Help to reflect the new URL.

Reinstatement Requests

- The Cancel Reinstatement link will be displayed whenever a Pending Reinstatement request exists for the student.
- Users will not be able to transfer students with a pending request for reinstatement.
- Users will not be able to request reinstatement for students with a pending transfer. The request for reinstatement must be made at the new school/campus, or the transfer must be cancelled prior to making the request.